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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE - AGENDA ITEM 99, USE OF
EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS

BELOW ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT WERE HAND CARRIED BY DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, FOR USE
BY THE U.S. DELEGATION IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE:

1. QUOTE: THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT (A/C.5/32/7) PRO-
VIDES SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT OF OUTSIDE
EXPERTISE ENGAGED BY THE UN, COVERING THE PERIOD JANUARY
1, 1976 TO JUNE 30, 1977 INCLUDING:

A. NUMBER, TYPE AND DURATION OF ENGAGEMENTS. (PARA. 13,
TABLE 1)

B. DISTRIBUTION BY AGE OF CONSULTANTS, EXPERTS AND CON-
TRACTORS. (PARA. 13, TABLE 2)

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C. THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION OF PERSONS ENGAGED. (PARA. 13,
TABLE 3)

D. THE NUMBER OF FORMER STAFF MEMBERS OF UN OR UN ORGANI-
ZATIONS ENGAGED (130 OUT OF 1,139 CONTRACTS RECORDED OF

WHICH 80 WERE UNDER AGE 55, 12 WERE BETWEEN AGES 55 AND 60

AND 38 WERE OVER THE NORMAL ACHIEVEMENT AGE OF 60. (PARA. 15)

E. COST (TOTAL 9,807,609.11 DOLS) OF OUTSIDE EXPERTISE FOR THE 18 MONTHS PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1967 TO JUNE 30, 1977. (ANNEX I)

F. DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION AND NATIONALITY. (ANNEX II)

2. USDEL MAY EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REPORT BUT SHOULD STATE THAT IT IS INSUFFICIENT TO ASSUAGE CONCERN THAT EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS COULD, IF EXCESSIVE, SERIOUSLY DIMINISH CONTROL OVER NUMBER AND QUALITY OF REGULAR STAFF AND OVER STAFF COSTS.

3. USDEL SHOULD CITE STEEP INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES FOR OUTSIDE EXPERTISE WHICH ACCORDING TO JIU REPORT (A/9112, PAGE 2) COST DOLLARS 15 MILLION FOR TEN YEAR PERIOD 1963 TO 1973, WHEREAS EXPENDITURE FOR ONLY ONE YEAR NOW AMOUNTS TO DOLLARS 6,915,861. (PERIOD JULY 1, 1976 TO JUNE 30, 1977 AS DERIVED FROM GRAND TOTALS AS ANNEXES I OF A/C.5/31/10/ADD.1 AND A/C.5/32/7).

4. SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHAT MEASURES UNCLASSIFIED

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IT HAS TAKEN IN PREPARING BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1978/1979 BIENNIAL PROGRAM BUDGET TO REDUCE FUNDS FOR OUTSIDE EXPERTISE PER FIFTH COMMITTEE VIEW CITED (A/C.5/32/7 PARA. 4 B).

5. SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ASKED TO PROVIDE TABLE DESCRIBED IN RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 OF JIU REPORT (A/9112, PAGE 81) GIVING BY OFFICE AND IN THREE YEAR FORM ACCURATE ESTIMATES, APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE FIGURES FOR ALL OUTSIDE EXPERTISE, BROKEN DOWN TO SHOW FEES AND TRAVEL COSTS. A REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE THAT SECRETARIAT INCLUDE THIS TYPE TABLE IN ALL FUTURE BUDGET DOCUMENTS.

6. SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED LIST OF PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY FORMER STAFF OF THE UN AND UN ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THEY COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT BY REGULAR STAFF. IF FORMER STAFF MEMBERS WERE ENGAGED MORE THAN ONCE SPECIFIC JUSTIFICATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED.

7. SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT AN EVEN MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO 33RD UNGA ON USE OF EXPERTS AND

CONSULTANTS.

8. WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSED TO USE OF EXPERTS AND
CONSULTANTS BUT WISH TO INSURE THAT LEVEL IS REASONABLE
AND FULLY JUSTIFIED. ACCORDINGLY, USDEL MAY ACCEPT REPORT
IN CONTEXT ABOVE COMMENTS. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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